

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, September 24, 2013. --- 7:09 pm.
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Board members present - Christopher Johnson, Peter Curtin and Gerard Miller
Others in attendance- Leslie Beebe, Molly Curtin-Schaefer and Joe Delmolino

The Park Fence was discussed. It is 18 years old and in disrepair. Gary from All American Fence recommended steel as there is a lot of water and wet ground. It would not have to be painted and the maintenance would be minimal. we would move it back approximately 4 feet from the road. A Town Meeting article would be needed due to the cost estimate of approximately \$12,000.00. Chris Johnson asked that we talk to Historical Commission about this fence.

Gerard Miller made a motion to post a job opening for our post office to fill a position being vacated by Diane Fennelly, Peter L. Curtin seconded, no opposition.

Peggy DeSantis emailed regarding purchasing a new lap top for the collectors office. She is having several issues with her current laptop and it was advised to update.

The plaques and letters were approved --with a design being added to the plaque.

Finance Committee Members: Jim Consolati, Tonio Palmer, Don Puntin were present.

Gerard Miller passed out a booklet called-Guide to Financial Management for Town Officials. A discussion ensued regarding the roll of finance committees for Cities and Towns. The current town by-laws do not mention the finance committee. Sample by-laws were obtained from Lenox and Becket. It was discussed that a draft by law be drawn up for Tyringham, then a public hearing would be held, and a vote at the annual Town Meeting would be needed. Gerrard offered to help the committee with the drafting of the by-law and the process of enacting the new by-law.

Gerard also asked that all budgets be put into departmental groups-on the Town Meeting warrant or as a handout document at Town Meeting and that mini budget meetings be held prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Short term and long term financial plans would be another area the committee should develop. The open meeting law for posting the agenda and minutes was discussed and we will give a copy to each member.

ALL BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES MEETING:

Chris Johnson proposed holding an all boards and town employees meeting. Town employees would get compensation time for attending. We will ask each board if Wednesday or Thursday is better and then the date will be set after the survey. Each board should submit an agenda item for the meeting. Coffee, cider and goodies will be served.

Gerard Miller asked that the board review the Reverse 911 policy he obtained from the town of Weston.

PAYROLL:

It was decided that we will not change to bi-weekly payroll. We will email/fax the payroll to the Selectmen on Tuesday's for approval.

VACANT POSITIONS:

We will post all other vacant positions that are unfilled.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Les Beebe discussed the following-

- Excavator is on order and it should be here in a couple of weeks.
- Transmission is being rebuilt on the John Deere Tractor, it is still at Pittsfield Lawn Tractor.
- The old International is rebuilt and put back together.
- Getting sanders and trucks ready for winter months.
- Starting on Stonebridge Ways.
- Equipment show in Fittsburg, MA
- Les asked about a minimum call time for the dept. It was discussed that an "on-call" fee should be paid also. A policy should be developed for both after some research.
- Lakeside Drive - update on road improvement issues.

The Lakeside Drive group will be asked to attend next meeting. The board wants to see if they have completed their portion of the road tasks as the deadline is fast approaching.

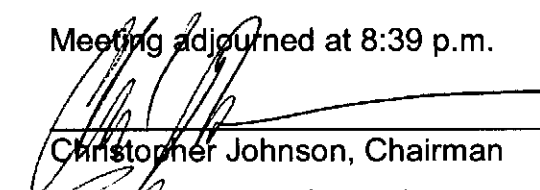
WIRELESS INTERNET:

The internet pole was discussed. The Town has been trying to secure a pole and have it installed near the Fawcett residence. This pole will hold a piece of equipment that would send the wireless signal to many residents along Main Road.

Miscellaneous:

A Fall / Winter schedule was developed. The Assessors now have property cards available on our town web site. Procurement training will be held in Stockbridge on December 18th, the issue of heat in the town hall was discussed. The heat either has to be up stairs or down it cannot heat both at the same time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Christopher Johnson, Chairman



Peter L. Cortin, Clerk



Gerard Miller, Member